

Question on Notice

No. 470

Asked on 12 May 2022

MR M BOOTHMAN ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the approximately 179 car spaces allocated to the proposed Hope Island rail station and residents' concerns that these spaces will be used by local businesses and a State Government department, resulting in limited parking for train commuters—

Will the Minister listen to residents' concerns and allocate at least 500 car spaces to this new transport hub?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Theodore for the question.

The Cross River Rail Delivery Authority (the Delivery Authority) is planning three new rail stations on the Gold Coast Line to help better connect South East Queensland's growing population at Pimpama, Hope Island and Merrimac. In October 2019, community consultation on the concept designs for these stations was undertaken, with more than 1150 people providing feedback. In August 2021, the Delivery Authority sought further feedback on the detailed design for Hope Island Station.

While the latest design for the new Hope Island station includes provision for approximately 179 car parks, it also provides for future car park expansion, and the Delivery Authority is investigating options to deliver additional parking as the design progresses. Final car park numbers will be influenced by a range of factors, such as design refinements around vehicle movements, station access, and flood mitigation measures. The final design will seek to strike a balance between optimal car park numbers and site layout considerations.

The Delivery Authority is working closely with local businesses, the Department of Education and the City of Gold Coast on developing suitable parking and traffic management to minimise disruptions to local community during construction of the station. Once operational, the station will provide critical additional public transport options, which will reduce pressure on parking requirements for nearby businesses and organisations.